

form irregular longitudinal series on the back; a narrow parotoid gland, ill-defined above, extends obliquely from the eye to the extremity of the jaws; lower parts perfectly smooth. Olive-brown above, the warts darker and dotted with lighter; a light triangular spot on the forehead, the base between the eyes, the apex touching the lip; loreal regions dark; limbs with dark marblings. Male without vocal sacs. My specimen does not show the copulatory asperities, which, judging from the descriptions, must be much like those of *Rana Liebigii*.

From snout to vent 50 millim.

LV.—A List of the Reptiles and Batrachians obtained near Muscat, Arabia, and presented to the British Museum by Surgeon-Major A. S. G. Jayakar. By G. A. BOULENGER.

THE following list is based upon two collections formed at Muscat by Mr. Jayakar; the first was received in December 1885, the second in November 1887. The herpetological fauna of the west coast of the Persian Gulf being very imperfectly known, these collections are of particular interest.

REPTILIA.

CHELONIA.

1. *Testudo stellata*, Schweigg.
2. *Chelone virgata*, Schweigg.

LACERTILIA.

3. *Ceramodactylus Dorie*, Blanf.
4. *Alsophylax tuberculatus*, Blanf.
5. *Hemidactylus Coctæi*, D. & B.
6. *Agama sinaita*, Heyd.
7. *Agama isolepis*, Blgr.
8. *Uromastix spinipes*, Daud.
9. *Varanus griseus*, Daud.
10. *Lacerta Jayakari*, Blgr.

Four specimens have been received since the publication of this species (Cat. Liz. iii. p. 40, pl. ii.). They agree so well with the description I have given that it is sufficient to record the following notes on the number of scales and femoral pores:—

	♂.	Hgr. ♂.	♀.	♀.
Dorsal scales across the middle of the body	85	86	93	86
Transverse series of ventrals	28	28	29	29
Femoral pores, on each side	29	27	25	25

11. *Scincus muscatensis*, Murray.

12. *Chalcides ocellatus*, Forsk.

OPHIDIA.

13. *Zamenis ventrimaculatus*, Gray.

14. *Zamenis diadema*, Schleg.

15. *Lytorhynchus diadema*, D. & B.

16. *Psammophis Leithii*, Gthr.

17. *Dipsas obtusa*, Reuss.

18. *Hydrophis robusta*, Gthr.

19. *Hydrophis Elliotti*, Gthr.

20. *Hydrophis cyanocincta*, Daud.

21. *Hydrophis Jayakari*, sp. n.

Head rather small, snout moderate. Body of moderate length, slender anteriorly. A single postocular; suture between the prefrontals extremely short, not one fourth the length of that between the nasals; frontal more than twice as broad as the supraocular, hexagonal, the lateral sides shortest, not half as long as the posterior, which are the longest; suture between the parietals as long as the frontal; a single, large, anterior temporal; two pairs of chin-shields, in contact mesially, posterior pair largest. Scales juxtaposed, dorsals obtusely keeled; 27 scales round the neck, 37 round the body. Ventral shields thrice as broad as the adjoining scales on the neck, hardly twice as broad as those on the body, 260 in number. Four præanal shields, outer largest. Uniform plumbeous above; upper lip, sides, and lower parts white.

Total length 640 millim.; tail 75; diameter of neck 11; greatest vertical diameter of body 32.

A single specimen.

22. *Enhydrina bengalensis*, Gray.

23. *Echis carinata*, Schn.

24. *Echis colorata*, Gthr.

BATRACHIA.

25. *Bufo Andersonii*, Blgr.